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GENERALLY FAIR AND COOL TONIGHT AND SUNDAY.

RICH WOMEN IN AUTO WRECK AT "DEATH BRIDGE"

Mrs. Edwin A. Ames, Brooklyn Millionaire's Wife, and Two Companions Hurlled From Monster Car Down Bank on Kearny Meadows.

LIGHTNING FLASHES BLIND CHAUFFEUR AND MACHINE SKIDS, CAUSING DISASTER

MRS. EDWIN A. AMES, wife of the millionaire president of the Ostermeyer Mattress Company, of New York, and living at 390 Park place, Brooklyn, and two women friends miraculously escaped death, and a chauffeur was probably fatally injured in a thrilling automobile crash at "Death Bridge" over the Frank Creek in the Kearny meadows last night.

Blinded by lightning flashes in a tremendous thunder storm the chauffeur, Weldon Boone, a negro, miscalculated his course in driving Mrs. Ames's big touring car homeward from Woodbury.

While speeding toward Manhattan in a downpour of rain the giant car skidded at the turn in the roadway at the bridge, where Felix Halm, of Jersey City, was fatally injured on March 22 last. The machine crashed into the heavy wooden railing on the southern side of the bridge, tore away the railings as if they had been toothpicks, and crashed into a heavy post on the New York side of the bridge.

Mrs. Ames and her two companions, Mrs. Wallace Downing and Mrs. James Sawyer, well-known society women of the Brooklyn Heights section, were hurled from the car a distance of twenty feet, and rolled down the 45-foot embankment. They lay unconscious for some time. Because of the soft earth they escaped broken bones or other serious injury.

The chauffeur was pinned against the post and was terribly injured. He was later removed in a trolley car to Jersey City, and thence in an ambulance to a Brooklyn hospital.

Mrs. Ames, over the long distance telephone from her Park place home, said to THE EVENING STAR today: "We were more than fortunate in escaping death. Our experience was altogether terrifying. My friends and I had been in Woodbury at a card party, and were returning to Brooklyn. Shortly after 8 o'clock last night we were speeding across the Kearny meadows when a terrible storm burst upon us.

"We had luckily put up the rubber covering to protect us from the rain, and to that expedient is probably due our escape from death.

"Just as we were crossing the bridge over a creek, there suddenly came a terrible crash of thunder and a blinding lightning flash. Our car swayed and skidded. In an instant we had crashed into one side of the bridge. We heard the railings crashing and then we came to a quick stop and were hurled head first out into the darkness.

"I lay stunned for a time, but was revived by the pouring rain. I looked about and saw the lights of the wrecked car glimmering in the night. Then I got up, and finding that I was not badly hurt, began looking for my friends. I found them both lying stunned, but they soon revived.

"Our chauffeur was groaning and pinned against the post. We did what we could to relieve the poor fellow's suffering.

"There we had to wait in the pouring rain for one hour until a trolley car headed for Jersey City came by. We had to call to the motorist to stop his car. We then got aboard and had the chauffeur assisted on the car. He was later taken in an ambulance to a hospital.

The wrecked car was taken today from the bridge by the Motor Car Company of 291 Halsey street. The front and right side of the tonneau were badly damaged.

WON'T GET \$96,000 FOR ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Commission Must Be Satisfied with \$50,000. Freeholders' Finance Committee Says.

Instead of getting \$96,000 from the finance committee of the Board of Freeholders, the Isolation Hospital Commission will have to be content with \$50,000 for carrying on its work for the fiscal year, unless some change is made in the program.

The commission appeared before the committee last night and presented a long itemized list of its needs, but the holders of the county's purse-strings did not see how they could put \$96,000 in the tax budget, with which they are still busy. The result was that the appropriation, subject to revision, was fixed at \$53,000, and as there is a \$17,000 balance on hand the commission will have \$50,000 to work on.

OPEN SHOP MEANS BIG LABOR WAR IN PATERSON.

PATERSON, May 9.—The Master Carpenters and Builders' Association has declared for an open shop. This means a long and bitter fight in the building trade in this city and vicinity.

P. HALUPKA'S ROYAL Hungarian Orchestra at Koch's Hotel, 84 Broad street. Finest dining-room. German cooking. Ad-

AUTOMOBILE FROM WHICH WEALTHY SOCIETY WOMEN WERE THROWN, HANGING OVER THE KEARNY SPAN



FORT SENT JUDGES TO CONVENTION A YEAR TOO SOON

Dill, Swayze and Carrow Went to Wilmington for 1909 Peace Congress.

WAS IT MISTAKE OR WAS GOVERNOR JOKING?

Anyhow, Jurists Had Time of Their Lives, with All Expenses Paid.

Suppose you were one of three distinguished Jersey jurists and you had an April fool joke sprung upon you in May—wouldn't it ruffle your official dignity? And, suppose you were the Governor of North Carolina, would you endeavor to square matters by suggesting to the Jerseymen, like your predecessor of old did to the Governor of South Carolina, "It's a long time between drinks?"

Whether Judge James B. Dill, of the Court of Errors and Appeals, whose home is in East Orange; Supreme Court Justice Francis J. Swayze, of Newark; and former Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Howard Carrow, of Camden, accepted such invitation remains to be discovered, but that they were fooled is true, for they were this week sent to Wilmington by Governor Fort to attend a peace congress—which won't convene for a year.

Now that he is one of the "Big Four," the Governor may have considered that he had time to play a joke, but the probability is that the sending of the commission to Wilmington was due to a stenographer in the office of Hayne Davis, of New York, president of the North Carolina Peace Society, making an error in the year date on the invitation sent Governor Fort under date of February 7. It read that at Wilmington, May 4 to 6, there would be a session of the North Carolina Peace and Arbitration Congress, and invited the Governor and his "cabinet" to attend, with a request that the Governor make an address. Realizing that at the time mentioned he would be too busy securing his seat on the G. O. P. bandwagon bound for Chicago, the Governor delegated to the three prominent gentlemen mentioned the honor of representing the State.

To Wilmington journeyed the commissioners, only to find they were a year ahead of time. But they had a royal time, being entertained by prominent folk there when the mistake in dates was explained.

Judge Dill declares he regretted as much to leave his new-found friends as he was happy in receiving that seven-figure check for settling the affairs of the steel trust running smoothly. Incidentally, they received their expenses.

ARGUES FOR HIGHER COURT TO TAKE UP NUGENT CHARGES

Kalisch Gives Eight Reasons Why Indictments Against City Counsel Should Be Quashed.

LOESER AND FLYNN ARE ALSO HIS CLIENTS

Chief Justice Reserves Decision, Declaring Case Too Important for Offhand Ruling.

An exhaustive and elaborate argument was made by Samuel Kalisch in the Supreme Court circuit today before Chief Justice Gummere, in the course of his application for a writ of certiorari to remove the alleged fraudulent primary election cases returned by a recent grand jury, against City Counsel James R. Nugent and others, to the Supreme Court. At the time the city counsel was indicted true bills were found against Freeholder Joseph J. Kenny, Alderman Joseph A. Wright, of the First Ward, and Alderman Elmer A. Day, of the Second Ward.

Mr. Kalisch appeared for Messrs. Nugent and Wright, Philip Loeser and John J. Flynn. Prosecutor Wilbur A. Mott, before the argument began, introduced Louis Hood, former assistant prosecutor of the pleas, as State's counsel in these cases. It was Mr. Hood who drew up the indictments, after they had been once before drawn, and found to have been so defective that it became necessary to redraw them.

Many points were enumerated by Mr. Kalisch and many precedents cited to convince the chief justice that these cases should be taken to the upper court as a step to procure a quashing of the indictments on the ground that they involve so many legal questions that it was necessary for the upper courts to pass upon them.

Kalisch's Eight Points.

These eight salient points were set forth by Mr. Kalisch:

First—That the indictment does not set out sufficient facts, in either count thereof, to constitute an offense under the laws of New Jersey.

Second—That neither count in such indictment charges a criminal offense against the said defendants.

Third—That the very nature of the offense charged in the indictment shows it to be incapable to be the joint act of the defendants, and therefore the joinder of the defendants in these counts violates the said counts of said indictment.

Fourth—That the indictment fails to show that the alleged election districts set out therein were legally constituted election districts under the laws of New Jersey.

ANOTHER CONTEST ON BETWEEN FORT AND SENATOR KEAN

Latter Said Desirous of Being Chairman of New Jersey Delegation.

FURTHER DISRUPTION OF PARTY IS FEARED

Expectations Were That Governor Would Have No Opposition for Place.

(Special to the Evening Star.)

TRENTON, May 9.—More trouble in the Republican camp is expected over the matter of selecting the chairman of the New Jersey delegation to the national convention. It has been supposed that Governor Fort would be the man chosen, but it is reported here that there is another candidate in the field, in the person of United States Senator John Kean.

It is understood that the Governor and the Senator are not admirers of each other, but it was not until yesterday, when some of the leaders gathered here, at the special session of the Senate, that it became known the Senator was likely to make a contest for the chairmanship. "Regular" Republicans among the twenty-four delegates, it was said, would back him, but how strong this element is no one would guess. It is feared, among some of the leaders who are trying to bring about a reunion of the party, that a contest between Fort and Kean may bring about another bad break.

SHOOTS FRIEND DOWN IN STREET AFTER QUARREL

Prominent Orange Italian Fires Two Shots and Probably Fatally Wounds Man.

Alfonso Carabrese, 32 years old, of 16 Hurlbert street, Orange, was shot twice today by Raffaele Rialdo, 38 years old, of 95 Cone street, following a quarrel in front of a drug store near Rialdo's home. The victim is in a serious condition at the Orange Memorial Hospital. Rialdo was captured after an exciting chase by Fireman Thomas Hutchinson and two other men.

What the quarrel was about is not known. While the men, who had been friends, were arguing Rialdo suddenly drew the revolver from his pocket and fired two shots, both lodging in Carabrese's body.

Rialdo is one of the leading Italians in the Orange colony. With his wife and three children Carabrese had arranged to sail for Italy next month.

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WOMAN SLAYER IS DECLARED ALIVE; DOUBLE ARRESTED

Woman in Custody at Syracuse Says She Is Innocent--Doctor Says Belle Guinness Did Not Perish at Laporte Charnel Farm.

MRS. L. A. HERRON, OF FRANKLIN, PA., TAKEN FOR MISSING MISTRESS OF HOUSE OF HORRORS

(Special to the Evening Star.)

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 9.

WITH the police now declaring that the woman arrested in Utica last night and brought here early today is not Mrs. Belle Guinness, the mystery of the whereabouts of the arch slayer of the Laporte (Ind.) charnel farm grows deeper.

The Syracuse police today received the following dispatch from the Laporte police:

"After a careful and scientific examination of the body now held by the coroner and generally supposed to be that of Mrs. Belle Guinness, Dr. H. H. Long, of Laporte, who had known the woman in life, today stated unqualifiedly that the burned torso was not that of the mistress of the Laporte 'House of Horrors.'"

Positive declaration was made today by the police of Laporte and Chicago that Mrs. Guinness is not only alive, but is seeking to escape from this country to her former home in Norway.

The woman now held at police headquarters here pending further examination has given the name of Mrs. Cora Belle Herron, of Chicago. She said that she had been visiting friends in Franklin, Pa., and had boarded the train at Ashabula, O. Another woman taken into custody with her said that she was Mrs. Herron's mother.

The chief of police has received a dispatch from Chicago which states that the Chicago city directory gives but one Mrs. Herron.

Mrs. A. L. Herron, of 4743 Evans avenue, is the widow of Abraham Herron, a dry goods man. Mrs. Herron is at her home, and said that she knew of no other Mrs. Herron in the city of similar initials, or who would answer the description of the woman detained here.

Shows Marked Resemblance.

Neither of the women was locked in a cell, but they are being guarded in the matron's room over the jail, after having been dragged from their berths on the sleeping car by Detectives Neils and Donovan, of this city.

"Of course I don't know the woman under arrest is Mrs. Guinness," said Police Lieutenant Hostetler, "but if she is not, then Mrs. Guinness has a double. The photograph of Mrs. Guinness printed yesterday is an exact likeness of the woman we are holding."

"The woman who says she is Mrs. Cora Belle Herron, refused at first to give the name of the aged woman who was arrested with her. The older woman said she was Mrs. Lucy Burton. The younger woman then admitted that the other was her mother."

The detectives arrived in Syracuse from Utica at 3:25 a. m. with their two prisoners, and hurried in a cab to police headquarters, where the women were at once locked up in the matron's department and held for investigation.

Mrs. Herron was asked for a statement. She said:

"I have nothing to say now. I am innocent, and it will all come out within twenty-four hours. I am Mrs. F. B. Herron, of Chicago. My husband is president of —"

Here she gave the name of some company, which was lost in the noise of the crowd, and when asked to repeat it she refused.

Asked for her street address, she replied that Chicago was quite sufficient.

"I have been on a visit," she said, "to Franklin, Pa., and am on my way to see my sister in New York. The woman with me is my mother. I have only to say that I am innocent, and it will all come out soon."

Mrs. Lucy Burton said to the police that her daughter had been married eight years to a traveling man, and that he died about Thanksgiving time at Vicksburg. The woman's two first names are Cora Belle, and her mother said that she had spent much of her time between Franklin, her old home, and Chicago.

Exclaimed "Oh, My God!"

As the detectives in the train insisted that the two women get up Mrs. Herron exclaimed: "Oh, my God!" and nearly fainted several times on the way to Utica. Mrs. Herron was noticed making what appeared to be nods, indicating silence, at her mother on the journey.

In the waiting room in Utica, Mrs. Herron looked faint again. She is said by the police to bear a very close resemblance to Mrs. Guinness. Some of them did not think that she was Mrs. Guinness, and only a few would express themselves as positive that she was the woman wanted.

It was not understood in Utica that she was under arrest there, but merely detained on suspicion. Asked by one of the officers if she would return to Syracuse, paying her own fare, she indignantly said she would not. When the next west-bound train reached Utica, shortly after 2 o'clock, the officers took her back to Syracuse.

Traveling Men Cause Arrest.

The arrest was caused by two traveling men who left a New York Central east-bound train after 10 o'clock last night at Rochester, reported to the po-

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